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REMARKS**INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 9, 20, 30, 41, 52, and 61 have been amended. Claims 1-28, 30-43, 45-54, and 56-61 remain pending.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Support for the amendments to independent claims 1, 9, 20, 30, 41, 52, and 61 can be found in the originally filed Specification, at least at page 14, lines 2-6. Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 6,118,586 to Tanabe, et al. fails to teach or suggest that "each side of each diffraction grating cell measures between about 5 μm and about 300 μm ," and other features as recited in the amended independent claims. For at least this reason, and those set forth in the Response filed with a Request for Continued Examination on February 22, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 9, 20, 30, 41, 52, and 61 and those claims depending either directly or indirectly therefrom patentably distinguish over the prior art and are therefore in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims 1-28, 30-43, 45-54, and 56-61 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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